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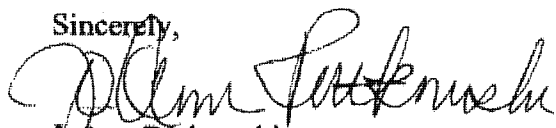
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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative supports the continued allowance of the following substance(s):

Name of Substance	Location on National List 205.601, 205.602, 205.605, 205.606 (please specify one of the above)	Reason for continued allowance.	Supporting Documents (List any research/ documentation supporting the necessity of using this material or the lack of Organic alternatives to this material. Leave blank if you have none.
Citric Acid	205.605 (a)	Degumming agent	
Diatomaceous earth	205.605 (a)	Bleaching agent	
Nitrogen (oil free)	205.605 (a)	Oxygen barrier-oil storage	

Sincerely,



JoAnn Rutkowski
Thumb Oilseed Producers' Cooperative

Cc: Organic Trade Association
National Organic Standards Board

Attached is the website that contains the "Evaluation Criteria for Substances Added to the National List". It is highly suggested that this evaluation be submitted with comments.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Newsroom/SunsetDocFedReg06_05.pdf